

Nicks from the Blade

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The information contained in this CD was originally compiled by Alma Lewis James and bound into a big, green book she titled "Nicks from the Blade."

The book was donated to the City of Fairbury by Ollie and her daughter Sally. The following information was received from Sally:

"The woman behind the wonderful 'big green book' is my Grandmother, Alma Lewis James. As an author and historian she adored her home town, as had two family generations prior to her. After she passed away, the "big green book" was given to my Mother, Olive James Davis (Ollie) and then passed on to me, her daughter, Sally Dowlen. I believe Grandma, Mom, and I all graduated from Fairbury Cropsey High School. Anyway, Fairbury is not my birth place but "thanks be to heaven" it is my home. Mom was visiting me in Georgia and asked how I would feel about giving the book to Fairbury? So, we have my Mother to thank for her thoughtfulness and my Grandmother to thank for her tenacity and love of Fairbury."

A special "thank you" to Mary Catherine Rigsby Carter who volunteered to transfer the book to a computer file so that it could be saved to a CD. She was able to complete a large portion and was later assisted by Brenda DeFries and Cherish Morris. Brenda and Cherish then transferred the information to a CD for your enjoyment.

While the CD may appear to contain several typing errors, every attempt was made to copy it just as it was formerly printed. We hope you enjoy reading the stories.

The original "Nicks from the Blade" can be found at Dominy Memorial Library.